# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
# LOK SABHA

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PROGRAMMES FOR RURAL YOUTHS
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**Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the programmes being implemented by the Government for the rural youths;

(b) whether the cooperation of the Non-Governmental Organisations is sought for the implementation of the programmes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVI RAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is implementing the following programmes whose coverage also extends to rural youth:-

(i) The Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion of Youth Activities and Training.

(ii) The Scheme of Financial Assistance to Rural Youths and Sports Club and Evaluation.

(iii) Scheme for Financial Assistance for Development and Empowerment of Adolescents.

(iv) The Rashtriya Sadbhavna Yojana.

(v) National Service Volunteer Scheme.

(vi) Scheme of Promotion of National Integration.

(vii) Scheme of Promotion of Adventure.

(viii) Programmes of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangthan(NYKS).

(ix) Rural Sports Programme.

(x) Scheme for Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools.

(xi) National Sports Festival for Women.

(xii) North East Sports Festival.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The co-operation of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is sought in the implementation of the following Schemes.

(i) Financial Assistance is provided to NGOs for conducting vocational training, enterpreneurship development programmes and exhibition of various activities under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Promotion of Youth Activities & Training

(ii) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Development and Empowerment of Adolescents, financial assistance is provided to NGOs for conducting programmes of environment building, seminars and workshops, life skill education, counselling, organising out-reach programmes in schools, setting up of counselling/career guidance centres, residential camps, telephone helplines, etc.

(iii) Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Rural Youths and Sports Clubs and Evaluation, one time grant of Rs. 30,000/- in normal areas and Rs. 45,000/- in tribal Areas is provided to registered Rural Sports Club affiliated to NYKS. One time grant of Rs. 30,000/- is also provided to registered Youth Development Centre (YDC) and Rs. 1,20,000/- to upgraded Rural Information Technology Youth Development Centre (RITYDC) which are affiliated to NYKS.

(iv) Under the Scheme of the promotion of National Integration financial assistance is provided to NGOs for conducting National Integration Camps for youth in the age group of 13-35 from different parts of the country and from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds, a common platform to interact with each other, understand each other`s custom and life styles and to strengthen a secular and eclectic out look on their part.

(v) Under the Scheme of Promotion of Adventure, financial assistance is provided to NGOs to create and foster amongst the youth, in the age group of 13-35 years, a spirit of risk taking and co-operative team work.

(vi) Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federation (NSFs) assistance is provided to recognised NSFs for training and participation of sportspersons (which could also include rural youth), organisation of National and International Tournaments in India, procurement of equipments, training of National level sportspersons and teams under Indian and Foreign Coaches etc.

(vii) Under the scheme of incentives for promotion of sports activities for rural sports programme financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- is provided per discipline to NGOs including NYKS for organising district level competitions.